



Biscayne, Dry Tortugas, and Everglades National Parks Big Cypress National Preserve

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Education

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Creating Future Park Stewards through Education

Location: Florida

Partner(s): South Florida National Parks Trust, The Everglades Association, The Friends of Big Cypress, The League of Naples,

Partner Website: <http://www.nationalparks.org/AboutUs/AboutUs-LocalFunds-SouthFlorida.shtml>

Total Cost: \$1,629,848

Proposal # 137504

Summary: All four south Florida parks will offer curriculum-based education programs to local students to acquaint them with the interconnected terrestrial, riparian and marine habitats of these parks & the ongoing restoration efforts to preserve them. Through field trips to the parks, including camping overnights, students will engage in hands-on learning to gain an appreciation for the natural world & understand how the quality of the South Florida environment directly affects their quality of life. Students and their families will discover the natural & cultural history of the national parks located in their backyards. Ultimately, they will be motivated to actively participate in solving South Florida's environmental problems, including climate change and water use issues. An estimated 50,000 students will be served annually, plus 65,000 through distance learning opportunities.

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